

Pedestrian Safety Program -- No. 500333

Category
Agency
Planning Area
Relocation Impact

Transportation
Public Works & Transportation
Countywide
None.

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility

January 4, 2006
NO

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY05	Est. FY06	Total 6 Years	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	904	402	202	300	50	50	50	50	50	50	0
Land											
Site Improvements and Utilities	1,189	159	130	900	150	150	150	150	150	150	0
Construction	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other											
Total	2,100	568	332	1,200	200	200	200	200	200	200	*

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

PAYGO	215	215	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G.O. Bonds	1,785	253	332	1,200	200	200	200	200	200	200	0
State Aid	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the review and analysis of existing physical structures and traffic controls in the CBDs in order to make modifications aimed at improving safety and walking environment for pedestrians. This project provides for the construction of physical structures and/or installation of traffic control devices which include, but are not limited to: new crosswalks; pedestrian refuge islands; sidewalks; bus pull-off areas; fencing to channel pedestrians to safer crossing locations; relocating, adding, or eliminating bus stops; pedestrian signals (countdown) or warning beacons; improving signage, etc. The improvements will be made in compliance with the requirements of the ADA. Initial project efforts will focus on improving walkability in the Wheaton CBD area. This project also supports the construction of improvements at and around schools identified in the Safe Routes to School program. In addition, pedestrian improvements are being continually piloted in the Wheaton, Silver Spring and Bethesda CBD areas.

Service Area

Countywide.

JUSTIFICATION

The County Executive's Blue Ribbon Panel on Pedestrian Safety has identified the need to improve the walkability along Montgomery County roadways and, in particular, in the CBDs where there is high pedestrian concentration and mass transit ridership. The improvements proposed under this project will enhance and/or add to the County's existing infrastructure to increase the safety and comfort level for pedestrians, which in turn will encourage increased pedestrian activity and safer access to schools and mass transit. The issue of pedestrian safety has been an elevated concern for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and public officials. To address this issue the County Executive's Pedestrian Safety Task Force has developed strategies and goals to make our streets walkable and pedestrian friendly. This project is intended to support the strategies for enhancing pedestrian safety by piloting new and innovative techniques for improving traffic control device compliance by pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists.

Plans and Studies

Various studies for improvements will be done under this project with emphasis on pedestrian safety and traffic circulation. A study of over 200 Montgomery County schools (Safe Route to Schools program) was completed in FY05. This study identified needs and prioritized schools based on need for signing, pavement markings, circulation, and pedestrian accessibility. Pedestrian safety will be considered during design.

Cost Change

Increase due to the addition of FY11-12 to this ongoing project.

STATUS

Ongoing.

OTHER

This project is intended to address the Engineering aspect of the "Three E's" concept (Engineering, Education, and Enforcement), which is one of the recommendations included in the final Blue Ribbon Panel on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Report. Additional efforts to improve pedestrian walkability by creating a safer walking environment, utilizing selected technologies, and ensuring ADA compliance will be addressed under the following projects: Annual Sidewalk Program; Bus Stop Improvements; Intersection and Spot Improvements; Neighborhood Traffic Calming; Transportation Improvements for Schools; ADA Compliance; Transportation; Resurfacing; Primary/Arterial; Sidewalk and Infrastructure Revitalization; Streetlighting; Traffic Signals; and ATMS. *Expenditures will continue indefinitely.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY03	(\$000)
Initial Cost Estimate		1,200
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY07	2,100
Last FY's Cost Estimate		1,700
Present Cost Estimate		2,100
Appropriation Request	FY07	200
Appropriation Request Est.	FY08	200
Supplemental		
Appropriation Request	FY06	0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		900
Expenditures/		
Encumbrances		718
Unencumbered Balance		182
Partial Closeout Thru	FY04	0
New Partial Closeout	FY05	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

WMATA
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
Commission
Mass Transit Administration
Maryland State Highway Administration
Wheaton CBD
Wheaton Regional Services Center
Commission on Aging
Commission on People with Disabilities
Montgomery County Pedestrian Safety Advisory
Committee
Citizen's Advisory Boards

The Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

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